RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER
SEP 0 7 2006

LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions or listings of claims in the application.

1.-18. (Cancelled).

19. (New) Apparatus for attaching a towed implement to the drawbar of a tractor having lift arms laterally displaced from the drawbar, comprising:

a hitch;

- a first pivotable connector associated with a forward portion of the hitch, said first connector being configured for selective coupling to the drawbar of a tractor to establish a first pivotable connection between the hitch and the tractor;
- a stabilizer extending laterally from the hitch and having elements for coupling to the lift arms of the tractor such that the stabilizer prevents the hitch from pivoting with respect to the drawbar about said first pivotable connection when a pivoting force is exerted against the hitch, the stabilizer being displaceable along the length of the hitch to

accommodate variations in longitudinal spacing between the drawbar and lift arms of the tractor;

- a hitch pivot for mounting to an implement to be towed; and
- a second pivotable connector associated with a rearward portion of the hitch for establishing a second pivotable connection between the hitch and the hitch pivot, whereby pivoting movement between the tractor and the towed implement occurs at the second pivotable connection.
- 20. (New) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the stabilizer is rotatable in a plane transverse to the length of the hitch to accommodate rolling movement of the tractor relative to the towed implement.
- 21. (New) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the stabilizer comprises:
 - a tubular central portion slidably mounted on a forward portion of the hitch;

stabilizer wings extending laterally from the central portion; and attachment elements associated with the stabilizer wings in distal relation to the central portion for coupling the stabilizer wings to the lift arms of the tractor.

- 22. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 19, wherein the hitch pivot comprises:
 - a main frame for attachment to the towed implement;
 - a pair of upright frame members mounted at mutually spaced apart intermediate locations on the main frame and extending upwardly from the main frame;
 - an upper frame extending between the upright frame members above the main frame;

upper pivot means mounted to the upper frame member;

lower pivot means mounted to the main frame in alignment with the upper pivot means; and

means pivotably connecting the upper and lower pivot means to the hitch to establish the pivotable connection between the hitch and the front end of the towed implement.

23. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 19, wherein the hitch comprises: an elongated lower hitch tube a front end of which is adapted for coupling to the drawbar of the tractor, and having a rearward portion; upright frame members mounted in mutually spaced apart relation on each side of the lower hitch tube;

an upper hitch tube mounted between the upright frame members and extending rearward in parallel spaced-apart relation to the rearward portion of the lower hitch tube; and

pivot means adjacent rearward ends of the upper hitch and the lower hitch tube, the pivot means defining a pivot axis between the tractor and the towed implement.

- 24. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 23, wherein the hitch pivot comprises:
 - a main frame for attachment to the towed implement;
 - a pair of upright frame members mounted at mutually spaced apart intermediate locations on the main frame and extending upwardly from the main frame;
 - an upper frame extending between the upright frame members above the main frame:
 - upper pivot means mounted to the upper frame member and adapted for pivotable connection with the pivot element on the upper hitch tube; and

lower pivot means mounted to the main frame in alignment with the upper pivot means and adapted for pivotable connection with the pivot element on the lower hitch tube.

Serial No. 10/628,985

Page 6

- 25. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 19, wherein said first connector is configured to establish the first pivotable connection in a generally horizontal plane.
- 26. (New) Apparatus for attaching a towed implement to the drawbar of a tractor having lift arms laterally displaced from the drawbar, comprising:

a hitch;

- a first pivotable connector associated with a forward portion of the hitch, said first connector being configured for selective coupling to the drawbar of a tractor to establish a first pivotable connection between the hitch and the tractor;
- a stabilizer extending laterally from the hitch and having elements for coupling to the lift arms of the tractor such that the stabilizer prevents the hitch from pivoting with respect to the drawbar about said first pivotable connection when a pivoting force is exerted against the hitch, the stabilizer being rotatable in a plane transverse to the length of the hitch to accommodate rolling movement of the tractor relative to the towed implement;
- a hitch pivot for mounting to an implement to be towed; and

Serial No. 10/628,985

Page 7

- a second pivotable connector associated with a rearward portion of the hitch for establishing a second pivotable connection between the hitch and the hitch pivot, whereby pivoting movement between the tractor and the towed implement occurs at the second pivotable connection.
- 27. (New) The apparatus of Claim 26, wherein the stabilizer comprises:
 - a tubular central portion rotatably mounted on a forward portion of the hitch;

stabilizer wings extending laterally from the central portion; and attachment elements associated with the stabilizer wings in distal relation to the central portion for coupling the stabilizer wings to the lift arms of the tractor.

- 28. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 26, wherein the hitch pivot comprises:
 - a main frame for attachment to the towed implement;
 - a pair of upright frame members mounted at mutually spaced apart intermediate locations on the main frame and extending upwardly from the main frame;

Serial No. 10/628,985

Page 8

an upper frame extending between the upright frame members above the main frame;

upper pivot means mounted to the upper frame member;

lower pivot means mounted to the main frame in alignment with the upper pivot means; and

means pivotably connecting the upper and lower pivot means to the hitch to establish the pivotable connection between the hitch and the front end of the towed implement.

29. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 26, wherein the hitch comprises: an elongated lower hitch tube a front end of which is adapted for coupling to the drawbar of the tractor, and having a rearward portion; upright frame members mounted in mutually spaced apart relation on each side of the lower hitch tube;

an upper hitch tube mounted between the upright frame members and extending rearward in parallel spaced-apart relation to the rearward portion of the lower hitch tube; and

pivot means adjacent rearward ends of the upper hitch and the lower hitch tube, the pivot means defining a pivot axis between the tractor and the towed implement.

⊔\$2000 9432538.1

- 30. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 26, wherein the hitch pivot comprises:
 - a main frame for attachment to the towed implement;
 - a pair of upright frame members mounted at mutually spaced apart intermediate locations on the main frame and extending upwardly from the main frame;
 - an upper frame extending between the upright frame members above the main frame;
 - upper pivot means mounted to the upper frame member and adapted for pivotable connection with the pivot element on the upper hitch tube; and
 - lower pivot means mounted to the main frame in alignment with the upper pivot means and adapted for pivotable connection with the pivot element on the lower hitch tube.
- 31. (New) Apparatus as in Claim 26, wherein said first connector is configured to establish the first pivotable connection in a generally horizontal plane.

1152006 9432538.1